

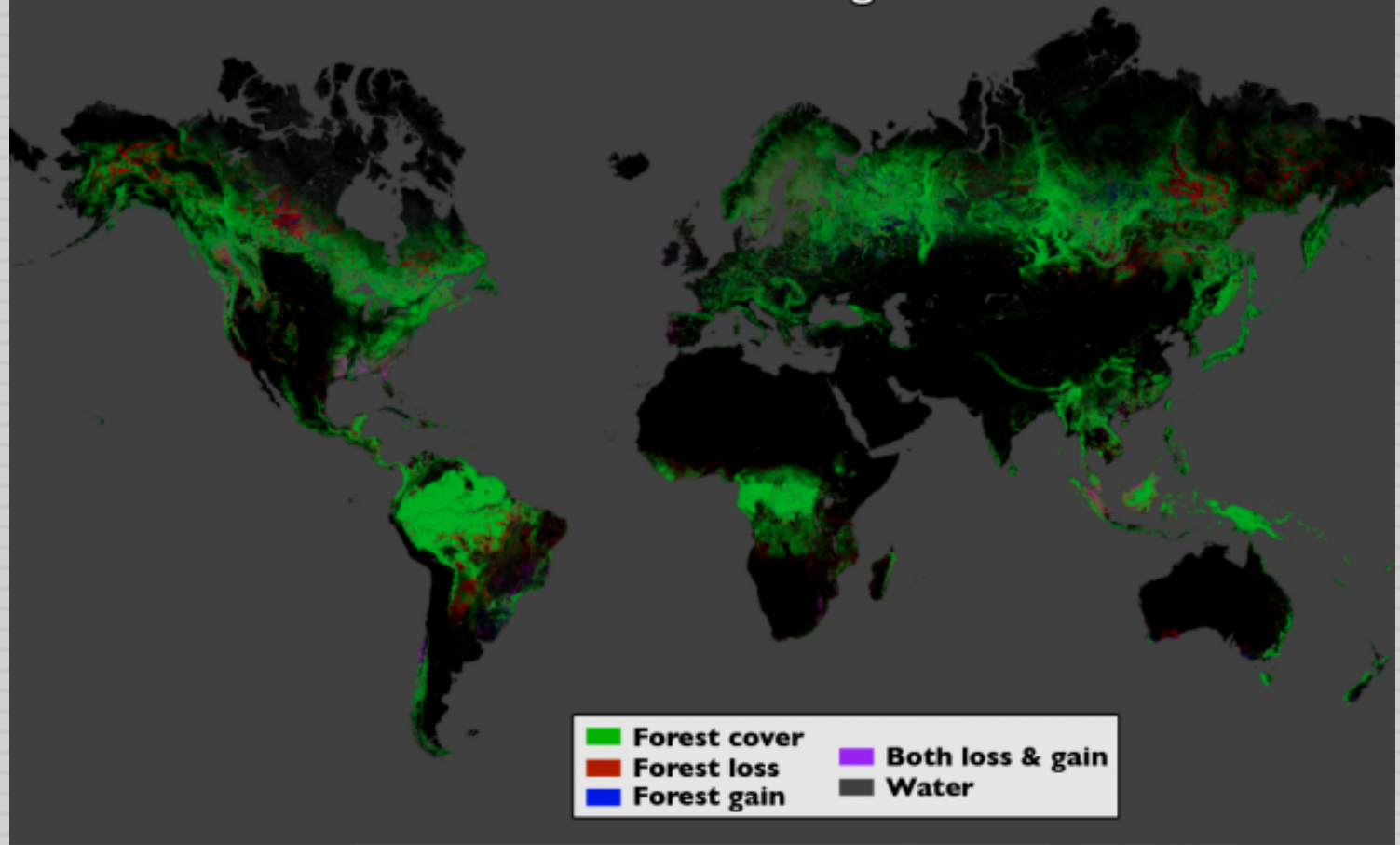


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## Global forest cover and changes since 2000



Landsat,  
Global  
forest cover  
and change  
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(NASA Goddard, based  
on data from Hansen et  
al., 2013)

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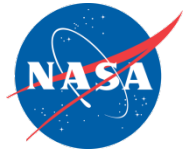
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- ❑ Presentations and recorded links URL:
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  - ❑ Attend all 5 webinars
  - ❑ Assignment 1 – download from training website or from the ARSET land webinar website
  - ❑ Assignment 2- after Week 4



# ARSET Land Resource Management

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This webinar course has five one-hour sessions on 3, 10, 17, 24, November and 1 December.

- 3 November: Overview of NASA Remote Sensing and Earth systems modeling data
- 10 November: Land Cover Mapping
- 17 November: Terrain Data
- 24 November: Change Detection
- 1 December: Web-tools for Data Access and Integration into GIS

  
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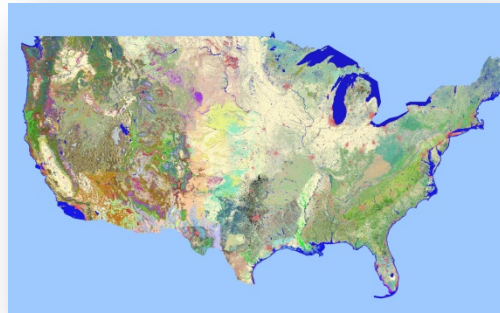
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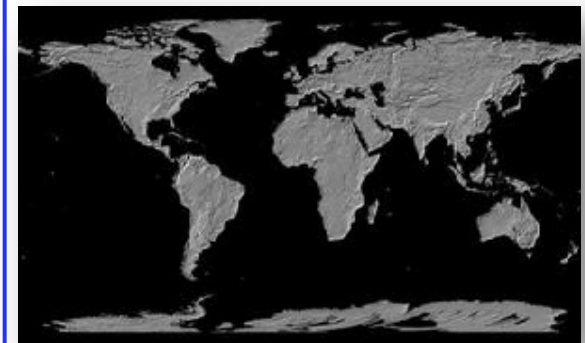
**Intro. & Background:  
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## Week 2



**Land Cover Mapping/  
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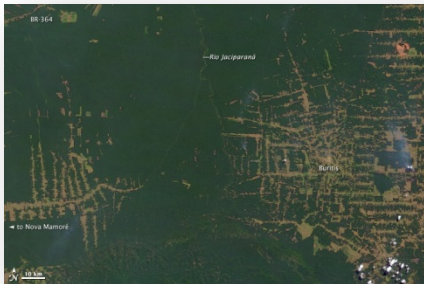
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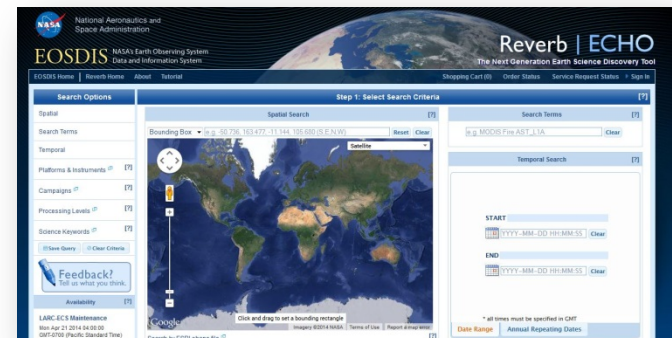
**Terrain**

## Week 5

## Week 4



**Change Detection**



**Web tools for data access/  
Integration with GIS**



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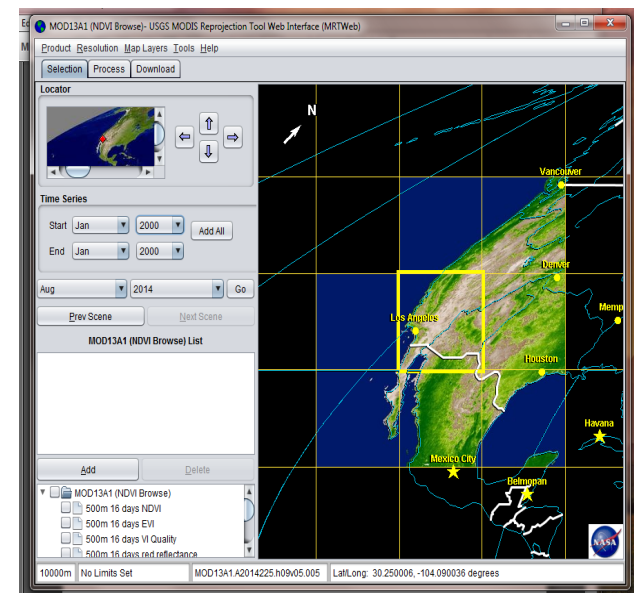
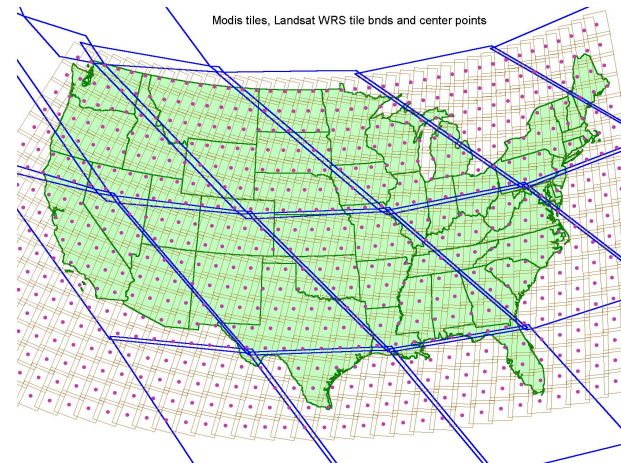
- ❑ Brief review of last week
- ❑ Terrain Data in the LP DAAC
  - ❑ Overview of what terrain data can be used for
  - ❑ ASTER Global Digital Elevation Model (GDEM)
    - Product overview, visuals, case study, access points
  - ❑ NASA SRTM Version 3.0
    - Products overview, visuals, case study, access points
- ❑ Live Demo
  - ❑ Global Data Explorer (GDEx)



# Review of Week 2

# Week 2

- Data Processing Levels
  - Levels 1 and 2: highest spatial and temporal resolution
  - Levels 3 and 4: derived products, lower resolution
- Landsat Data Overview
  - Passive sensor
  - Band overview and resolution
  - Where to obtain imagery
- MODIS Data Overview
  - Passive sensor
  - Band overview and resolution
  - Where to obtain imagery
- Live Demo: MRT Web





# LP DAAC Overview and Live Demo



# Terrain Data at the LP DAAC

Lindsey Harriman, Innovate! Inc. & Kelly Lemig, ERT, Inc.  
Contractors to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Earth Resources Observation  
and Science (EROS) Center Sioux Falls, South Dakota

\*Work performed under USGS contract G10PC00044



## **Overview of Terrain Data at the LP DAAC:**

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## **Demonstration of Global Data Explorer (GDEx):**

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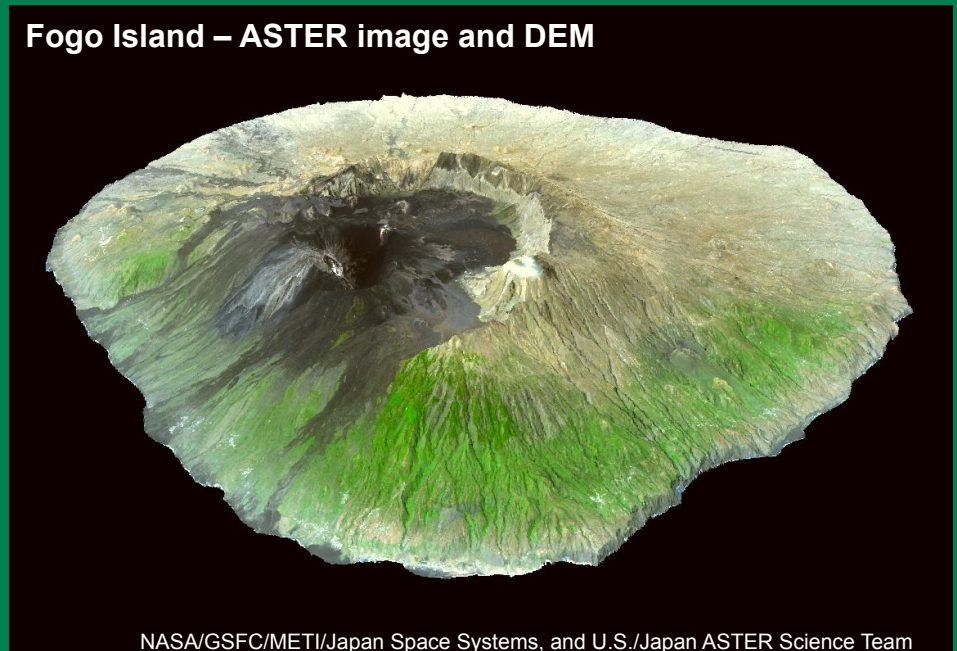
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# Terrain Data and Land Management

- Visualize satellite data in 3D
- Map
  - Hazardous terrain
- Calculate
  - Slope and aspect
  - Catchment area
  - Forest canopy height
- Model
  - Runoff
  - Stream networks
  - Landslides



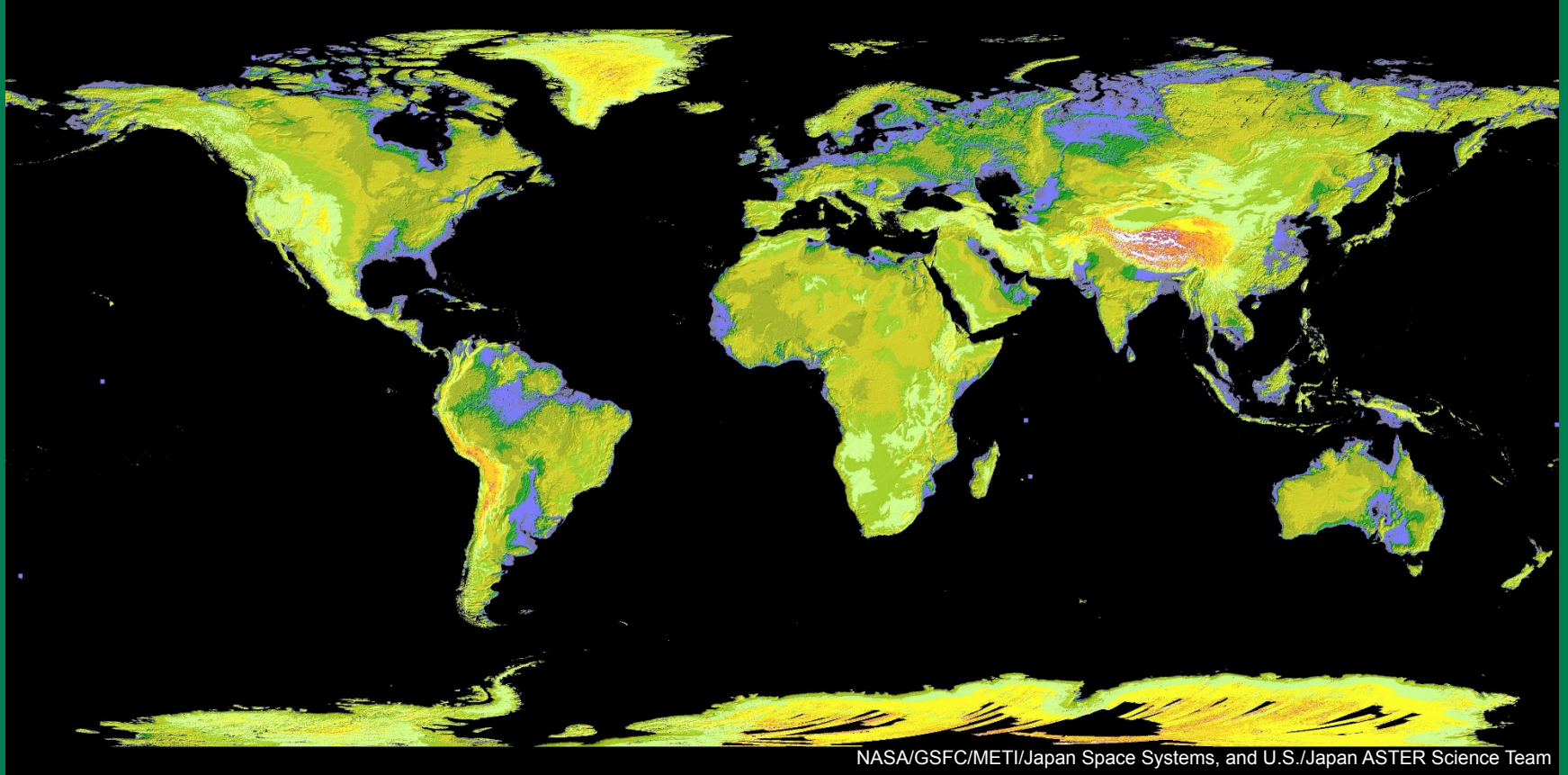
# Sources of Terrain Data

- GPS points
- Airborne and Satellite images
  - Photogrammetrically collect points or breaklines
  - Terra Advanced Spaceborne Thermal Emission and Reflection Radiometer (ASTER)
- Radar
  - Light Detection and Ranging (lidar)
  - Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM)
- Sonar

# NASA LP DAAC

- LP DAAC = Land Processes Distributed Active Archive Center
- One of 12 of NASA's discipline-oriented data centers
- Located in Sioux Falls, SD at the USGS Earth Resources Observation Science (EROS) Center
- Processes, archives, and distributes remotely sensed land data products to the civilian remote sensing community
- <https://lpdaac.usgs.gov>

# ASTER Global Digital Elevation Model (GDEM)



[https://lpdaac.usgs.gov/products/aster\\_products\\_table/astgtm](https://lpdaac.usgs.gov/products/aster_products_table/astgtm)

# What is ASTER?

- **ASTER**

- Advanced Spaceborne Thermal Emission and Reflection Radiometer
- Onboard NASA Terra satellite
- Developed jointly by NASA and Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry (METI)

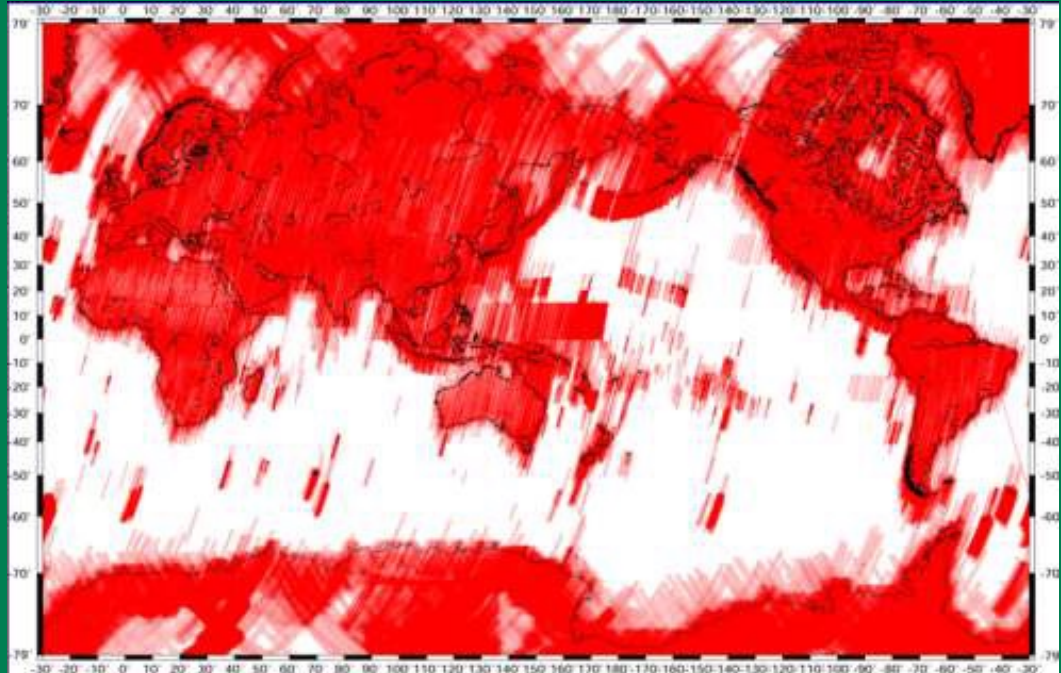
- **Bands**

- 3 – 15 m bands in Visible & Near-infrared (VNIR)
- 6 – 30 m Shortwave Infrared (SWIR)
- 5 – 90 m Thermal Infrared (TIR)



# ASTER Acquisition and Coverage

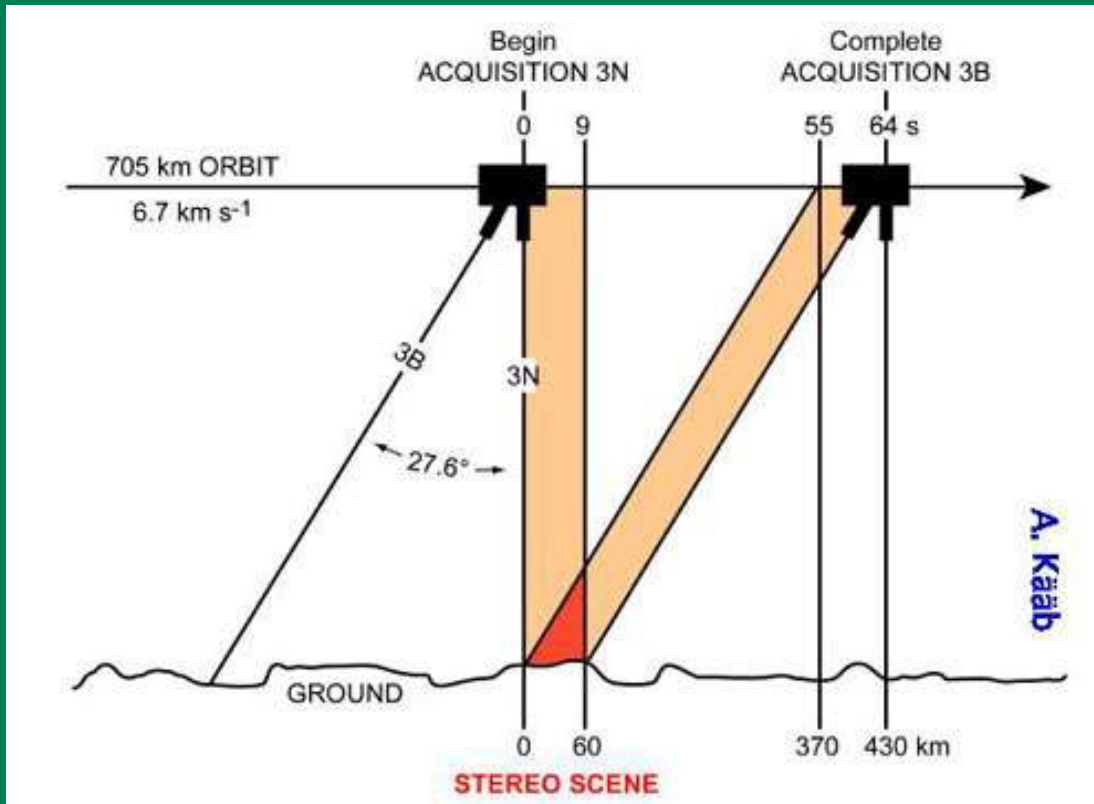
- Data collected since 2000
- ~2.5 million scenes
- ~515 scenes/day
- Global coverage
  - Taskable
  - Pointable
- Expedited



*Spatial and temporal coverage may vary*

- ASTER can collect in stereo (3D) in the NIR using nadir- and aft-looking near infrared cameras

# Stereo Vision in the NIR



Courtesy: Global Land Ice Measurements from Space (GLIMS Switzerland).  
<http://www.geo.unizh.ch/~kaeaeb/glims/glims.html>



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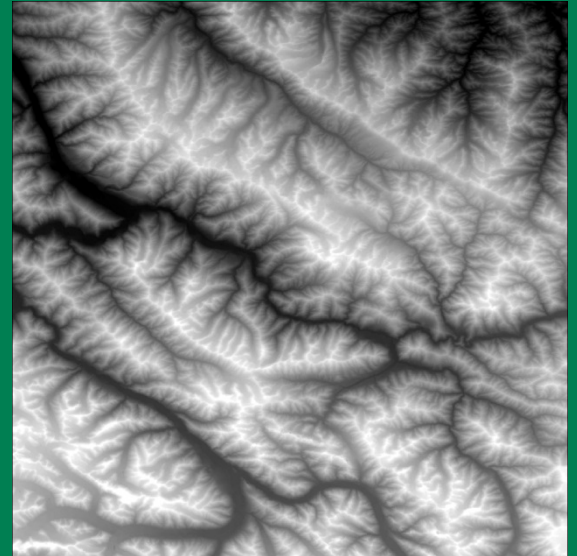


Courtesy: NASA & USGS



# What is ASTER GDEM?

- Global Digital Elevation Model (GDEM)
- Product of METI and NASA
- Version 1 released June 29, 2009
  - 1.3 million ASTER VNIR scenes (as stereo-pairs) were used to produce single scene DEMs
  - Data from 2000 - 2008
- Improved Version 2 released October 17, 2011
  - Incorporated 260,000 more stereo-pairs from ASTER images collected after September 2008
- Freely available; redistribution restricted



# ASTER GDEM Characteristics

- Short name: ASTGTM

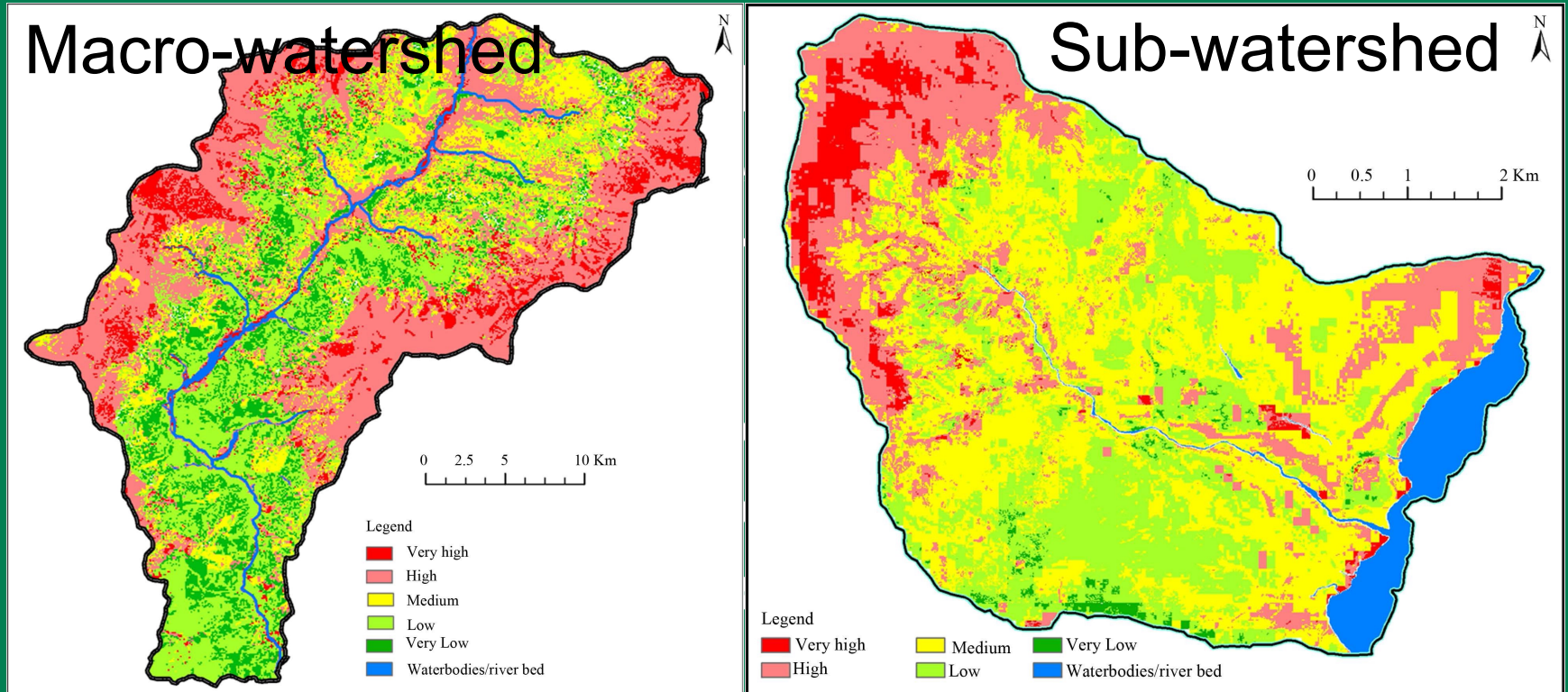
## Data Set Characteristics

Tile Size	3601 x 3601 (1 degree by 1 degree)
Pixel Size	1 arc-second
Geographic coordinates	Geographic latitude and longitude
DEM output format	GeoTIFF, signed 16 bits in units of vertical meters
Geoid reference	WGS84/EGM96
Special DN values	-9999 for void pixels, and 0 for sea water body
Tile volume	25 MB uncompressed, 4–5 MB compressed
Coverage	North 83 degrees to south 83 degrees, 22,702 tiles

# ASTER GDEM Characteristics (Cont'd)

Layers				
Data Fields	Units	Data Type	Valid Range	Fill Value
Elevation (".dem")	Meters	16-bit signed integer	-500–9,000 (0 at sea level)	-9999
QA (".num")	None	16-bit signed integer	0–200	-1 SRTM3 V3 -2 SRTM3 V2 -5 NED -6 CDED -11 Alaska DEM

# ASTER GDEM Use Case



Uddin, K.D., M.; Joshi, G., 2014, An Optical High and Medium Spatial Resolution Approach for Erosion-Prone Areas Assessment in Mustang, Nepal: International Journal of Geosciences, v. 5, p. 383-393. [Also available at <http://dx.doi.org/http://dx.doi.org/10.4236/ijg.2014.54037>.]

# How to Access ASTER GDEM

- **Reverb:**

<http://reverb.echo.nasa.gov/reverb>

- **GDEx (demo today):**

<http://gdex.cr.usgs.gov/gdex/>

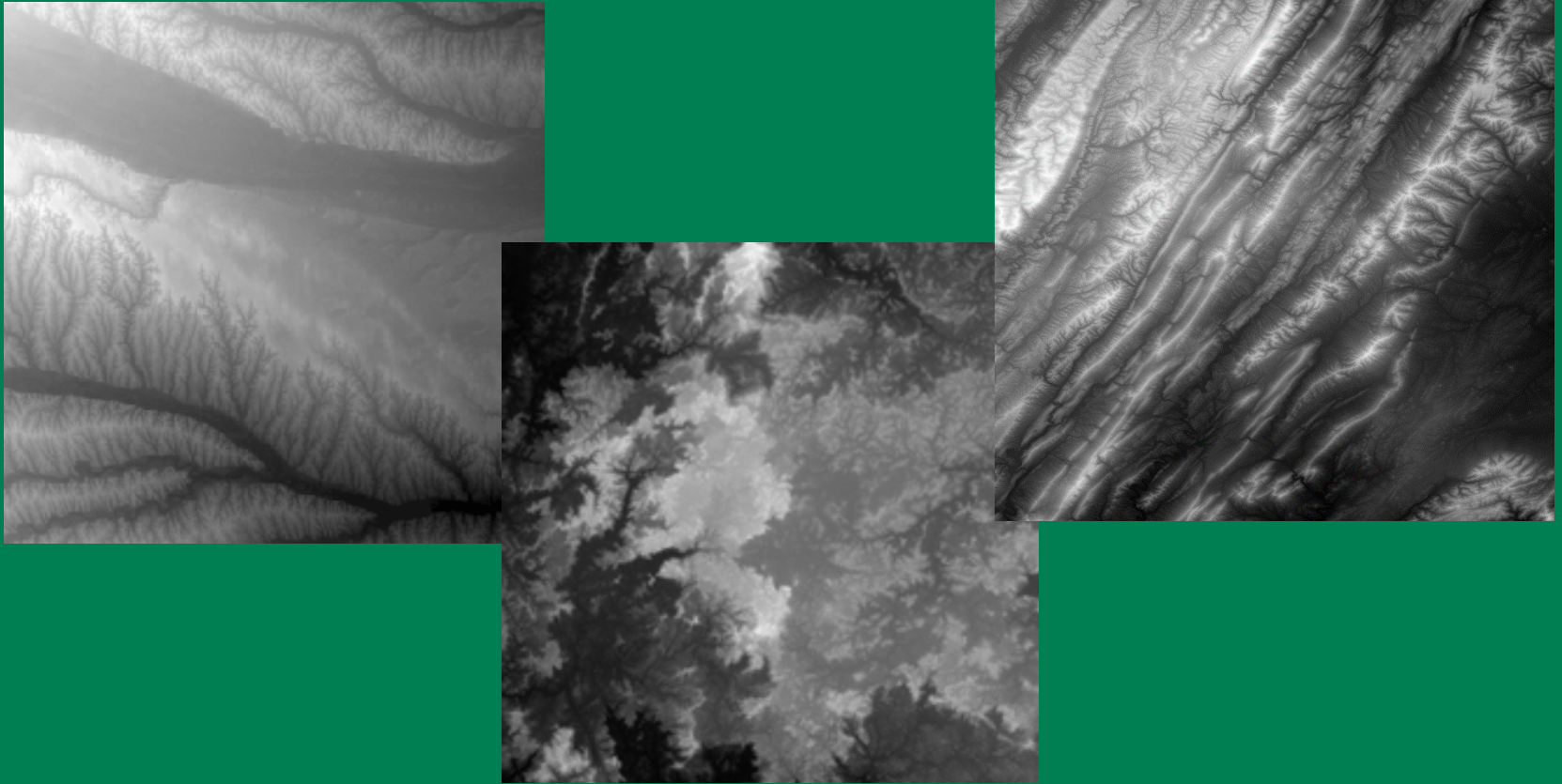
- **Japan Space Systems GDEM:**

<http://gdem.ersdac.jspacesystems.or.jp/>

- **More information:**

[https://lpdaac.usgs.gov/products/aster\\_products\\_table/aster\\_gdem\\_version\\_2\\_validation](https://lpdaac.usgs.gov/products/aster_products_table/aster_gdem_version_2_validation)

# Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM) Version 3.0 (SRTM Plus)



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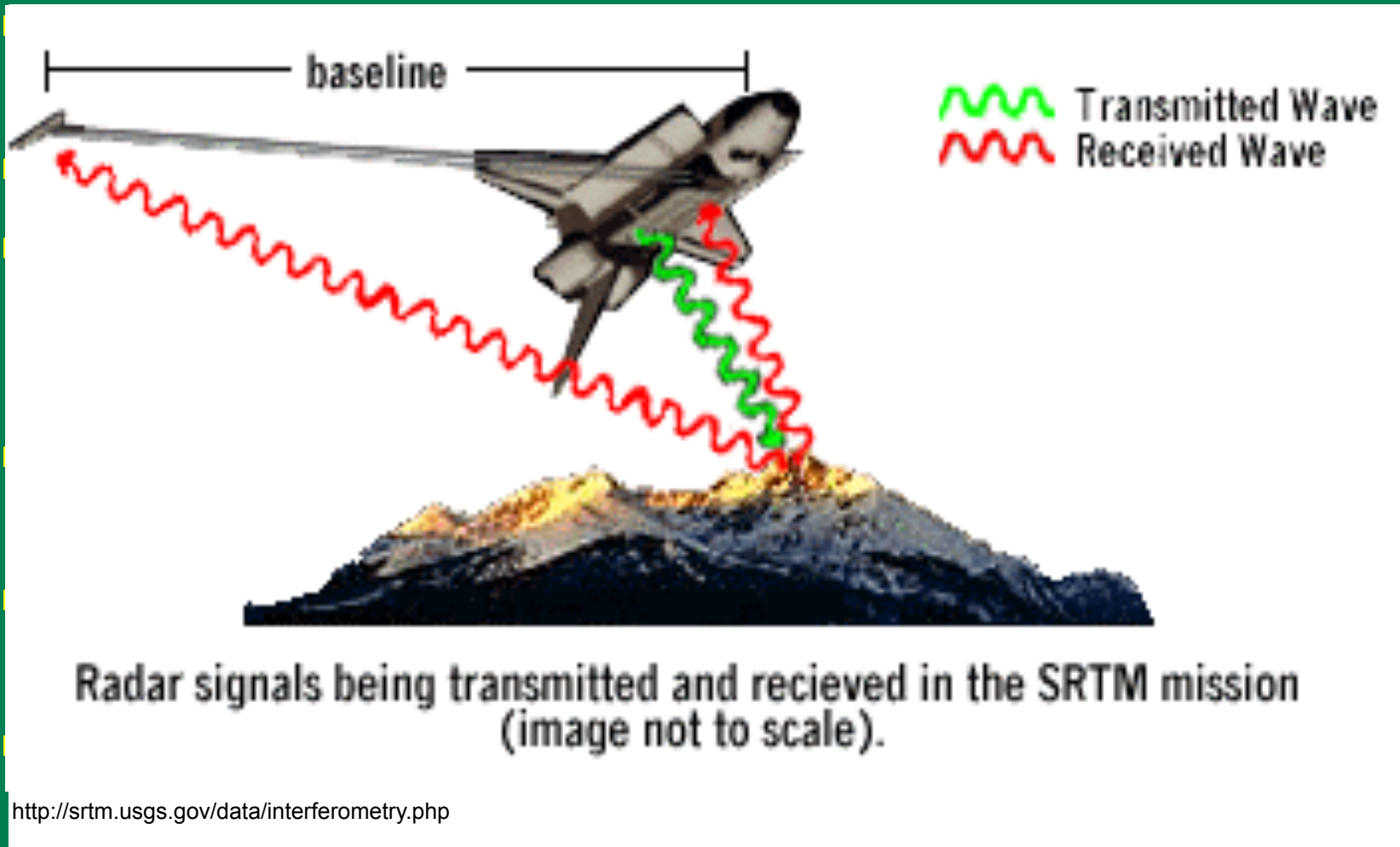
# What is SRTM?

- NASA mission completed in February 2000
- Consisted of 176 orbits around Earth in 11 days
- Acquired DEM of all land between 60°N and 56°S latitude, about 80% of Earth's total landmass





# NASA SRTM Version 3.0 (SRTM Plus)





# NASA SRTM v3 Characteristics

Tile size	1° by 1°
Pixel size	1 arc second (~30 meters) or 3 arc seconds (~90 meters)
Geographic coordinates	Geographic latitude and longitude
Output format	DEMS: .HGT, 16-bit signed integer, in units of vertical meters Number: .NUM
Geoid reference	WGS84/EGM96
Special DN values	N/A - No voids in v3
Coverage	60°N to 56°S latitude U.S. and Territories Africa

# NASA SRTM v3 Products

<a href="#">Short Name</a>	<a href="#">Collection</a>	<a href="#">MEaSURES Data Product</a>	<a href="#">Spatial Resolution</a>
<a href="#">SRTMGL1</a>	SRTM	SRTM Global 1 arc second	1 arc-second
<a href="#">SRTMGL1N</a>	SRTM	SRTM Global 1 arc second number	1 arc-second
<a href="#">SRTMGL3</a>	SRTM	SRTM Global 3 arc second	3 arc-second
<a href="#">SRTMGL30</a>	SRTM	SRTM Global 30 arc second	30 arc-second
<a href="#">SRTMGL3N</a>	SRTM	SRTM Global 3 arc second number	3 arc-second
<a href="#">SRTMGL3S</a>	SRTM	SRTM Global 3 arc second sub-sampled	3 arc-second
<a href="#">SRTMSWBD</a>	SRTM	SRTM Water Body Data Shapefiles & Raster Files	1 arc-second
<a href="#">SRTMUS1</a>	SRTM	SRTM US 1 arc second	1 arc-second
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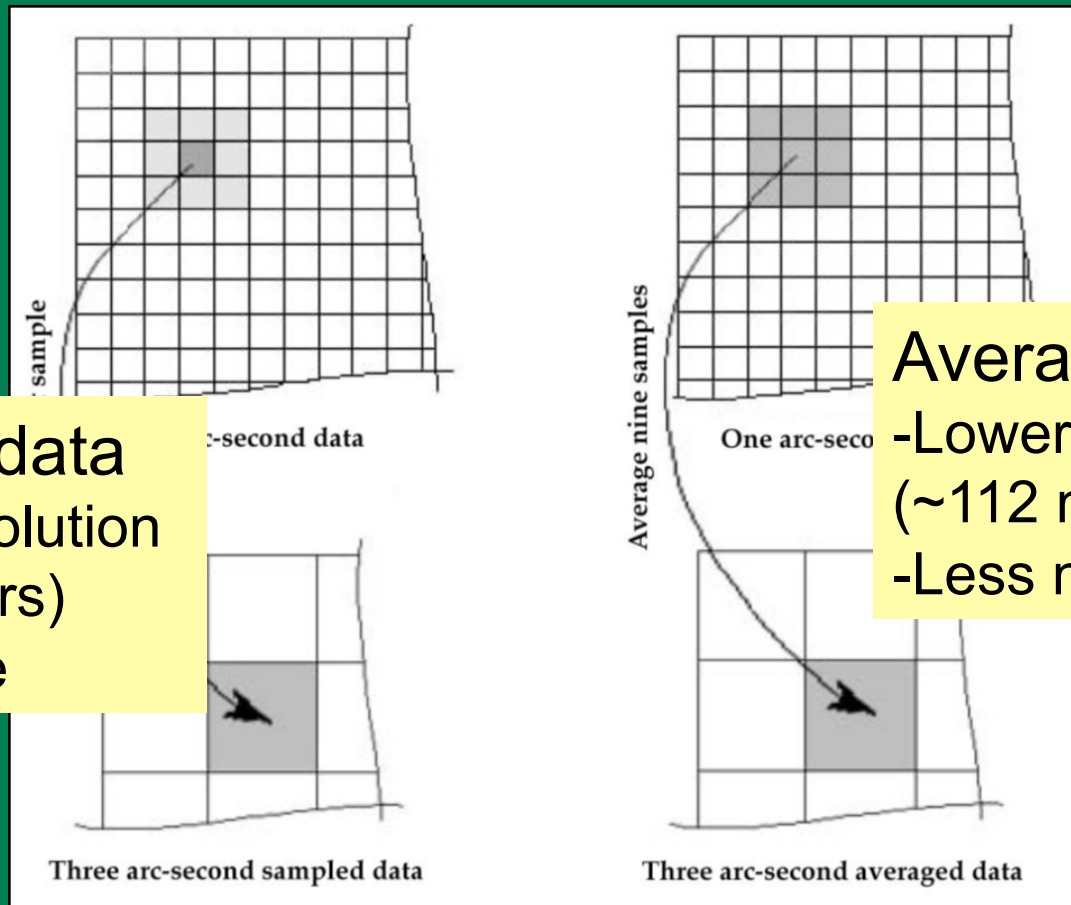
# Sampling Methods: Global 3 arc second data

SRTMGL3S

SRTMGL3

## Sampled data

- Higher resolution (~100 meters)
- More noise

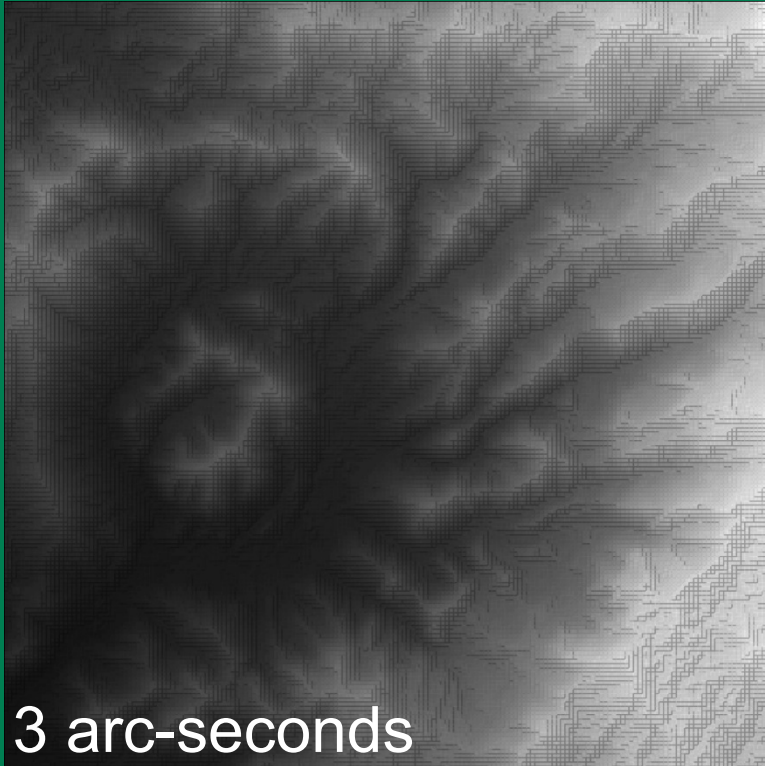


## Averaged data

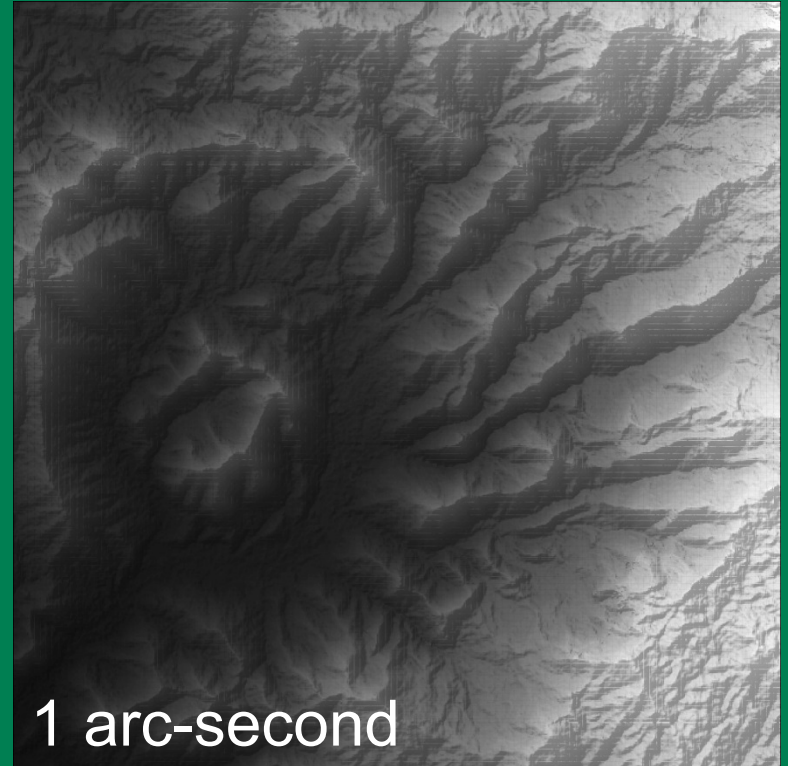
- Lower resolution (~112 meters)
- Less noise

# NASA SRTM v3

## Mount Elgon, Uganda



<http://dx.doi.org/10.5067/MEaSURES/SRTM/SRTMGL3.003>



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# SRTM Data Use Case

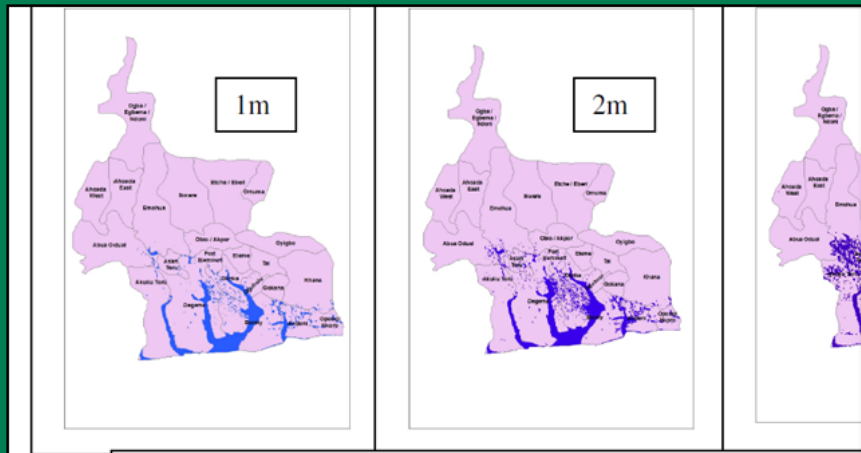


Fig 3.4. Potential LGA areas of Flooding for 1m, 2m and 3m Sea

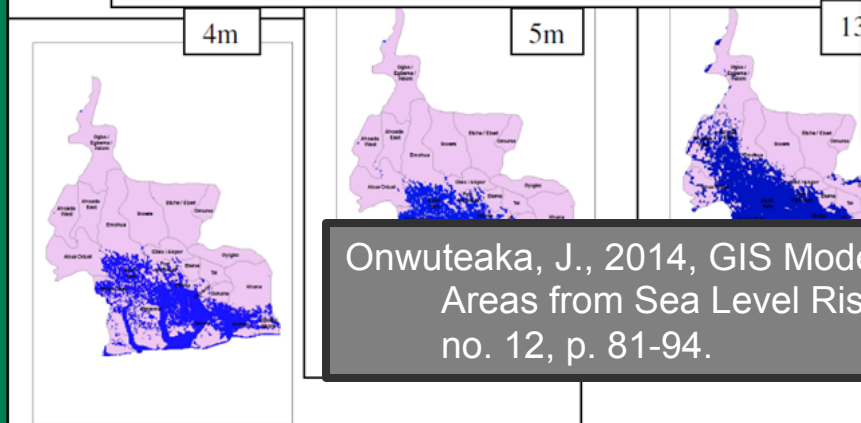


Fig 3.5 Potential LGA areas of flooding for 4m, 5m and 13m sea rise scenarios

Sea Level Rise Scenarios (m)	Affected Local Government Areas
1	10
2	12
3	12
4	13
5	13
13	22

Onwuteaka, J., 2014, GIS Modeling of Flooding Exposure in Nigerian Coastal Areas from Sea Level Rise, Journal of Environment and Earth Science v. 4, no. 12, p. 81-94.

# How to Access NASA SRTM v3

- **Reverb:**

<http://reverb.echo.nasa.gov/reverb>

- **GDEx (demo today):**

<http://gdex.cr.usgs.gov/gdex/>

- **Data Pool and DAAC2Disk:**

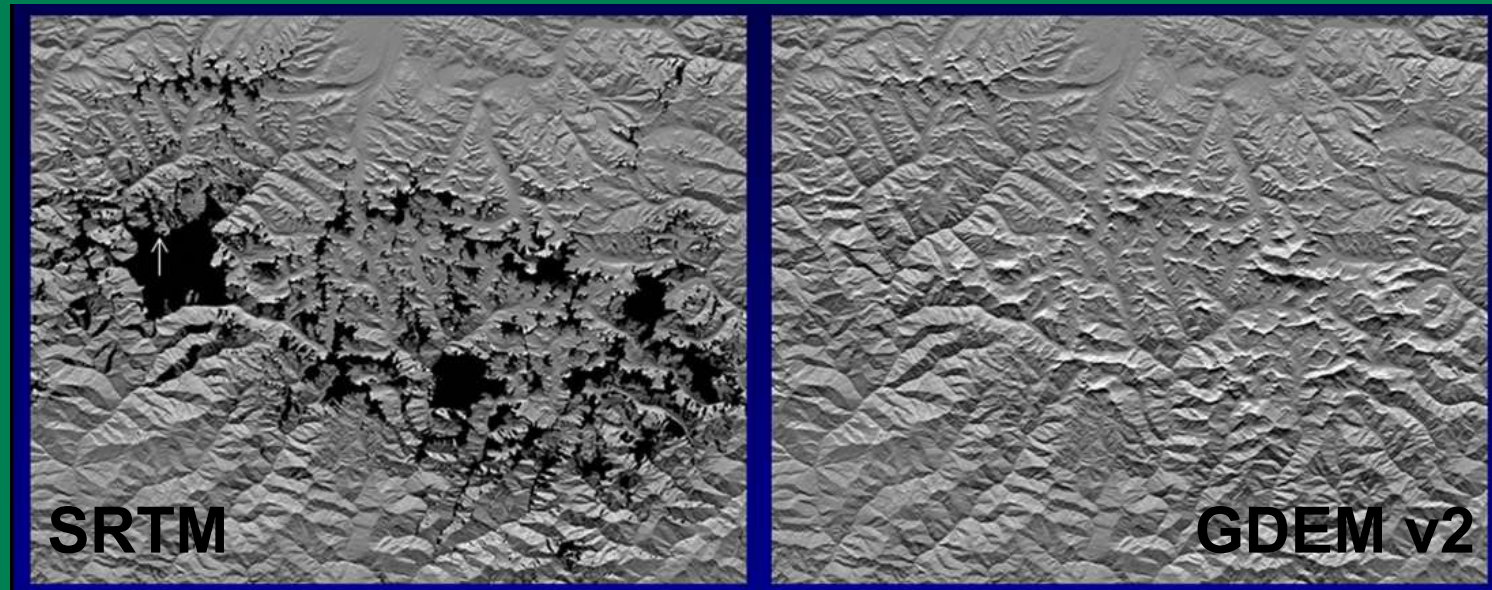
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- **More information: SRTM v3 User Guide**

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# Choosing data: What to consider

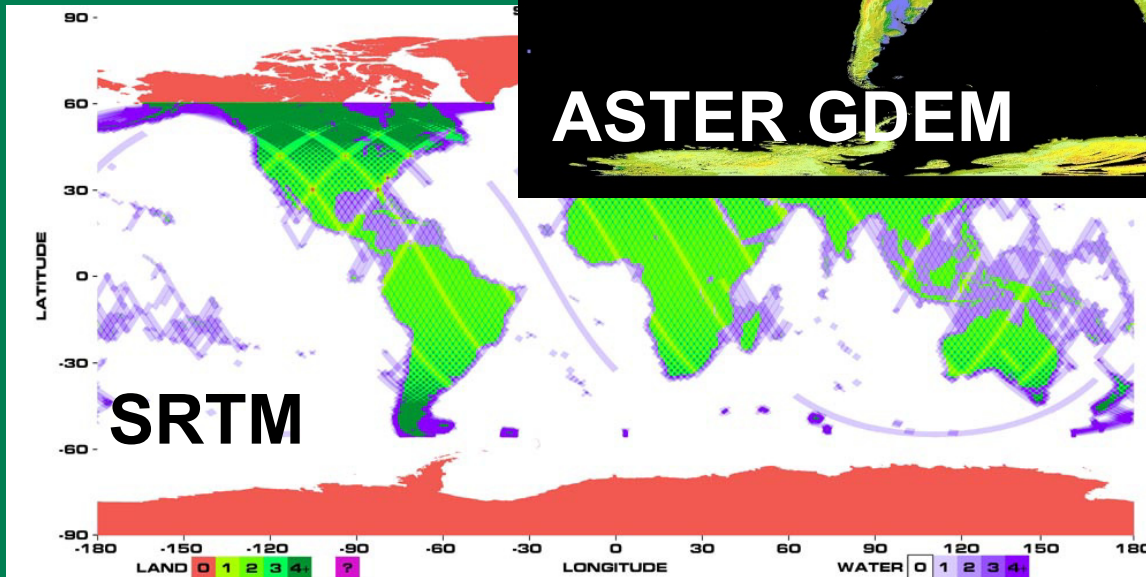
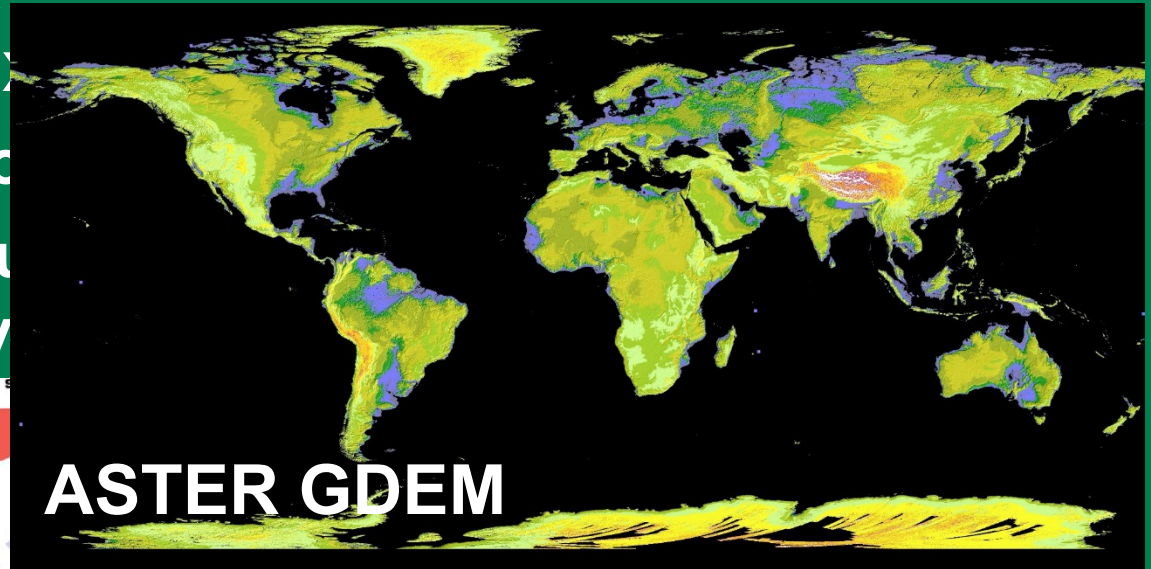
- Topographical features
  - Mountainous areas
  - Desert areas or areas with a lot of snow cover





# Choosing data: What to consider

- Geographic extent
  - Areas with complete coverage
  - Extreme latitudes (not all data available)





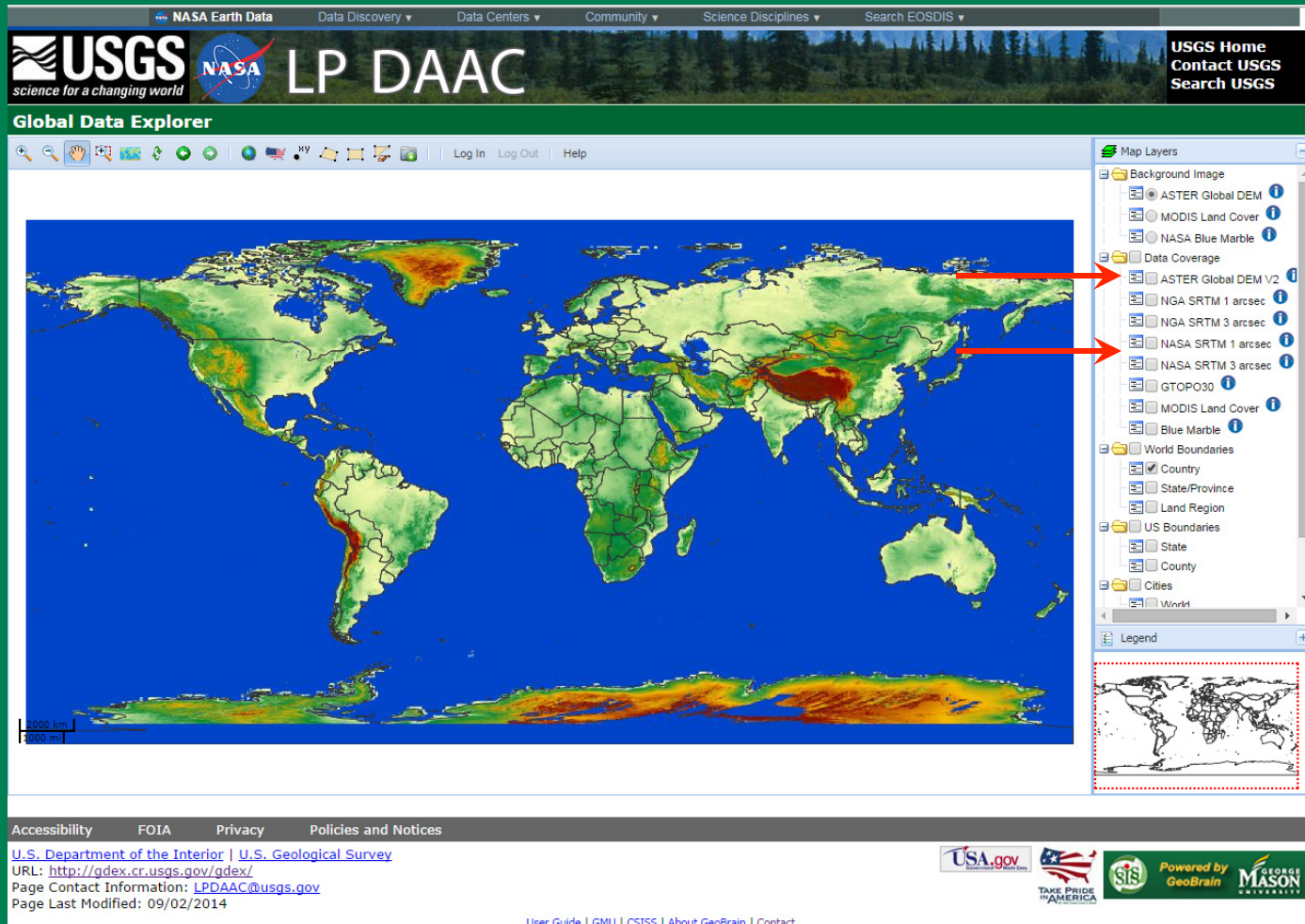
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# Global Data Explorer (GDEX)

- Funded through NASA ROSES 2005 ACCESS Program
- A collaboration between the LP DAAC and George Mason University's Center for Spatial Information Science and Systems
- A seamless data viewer providing access to multiple sources of digital elevation data sets
- Users can subset and download data by area of interest in multiple formats and projections
- <http://gdex.cr.usgs.gov/gdex/>

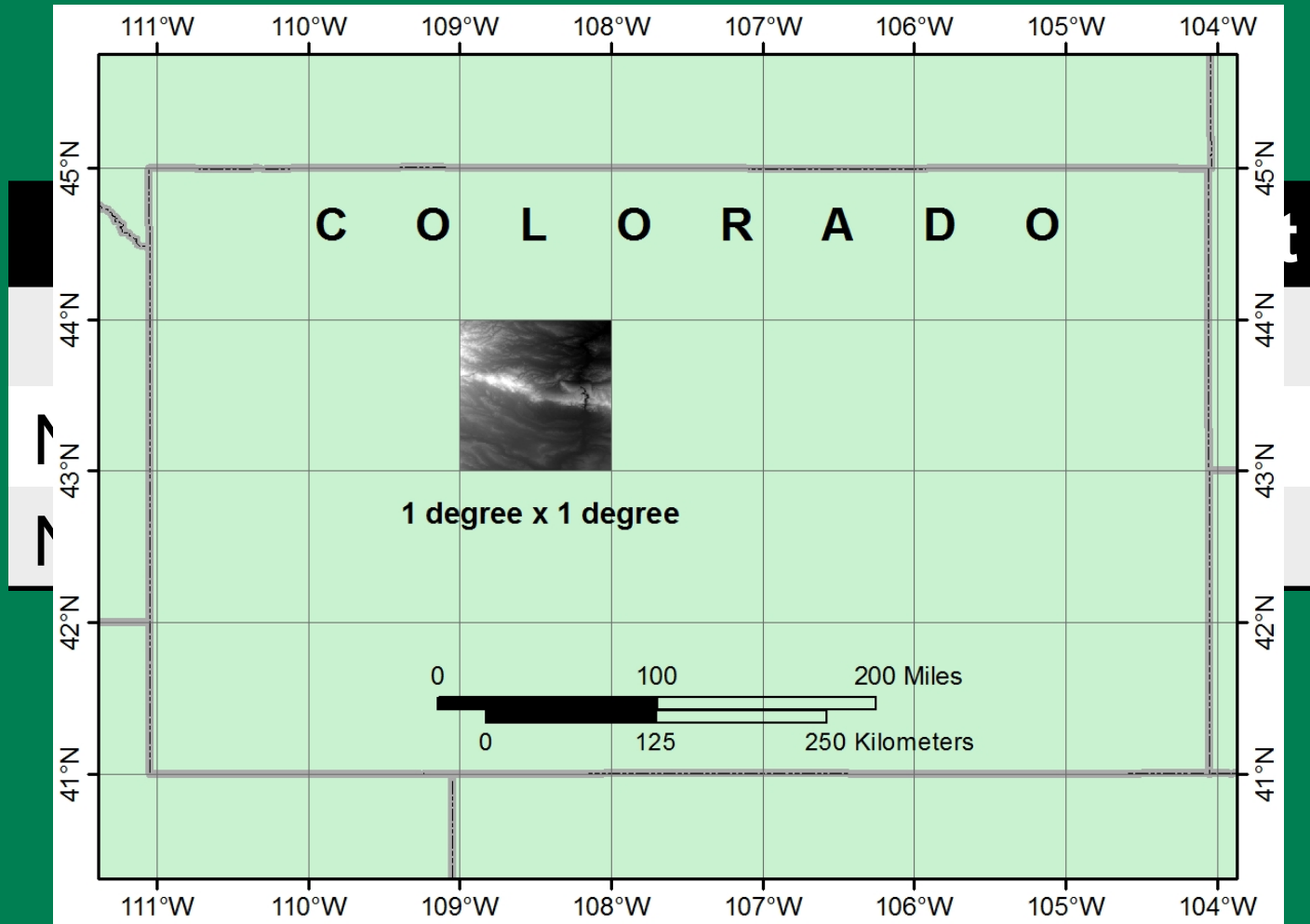
# GDEx



# GDEx Features and Functions

- NASA ECHO/Reverb user account required to download data
- Product documentation and User Guide
- Square or polygonal area of interest
- Pre-defined areas of interest (state, county)
- Advanced, on-the-fly processing
  - Mosaic tiles into coverage clipped to AOI
  - Reformat to GeoTIFF, ArcASCII, or JPEG
  - UTM or LAT/LON projection
- Preview data before download

# GDEx Tile Limits



# GDEx Demo



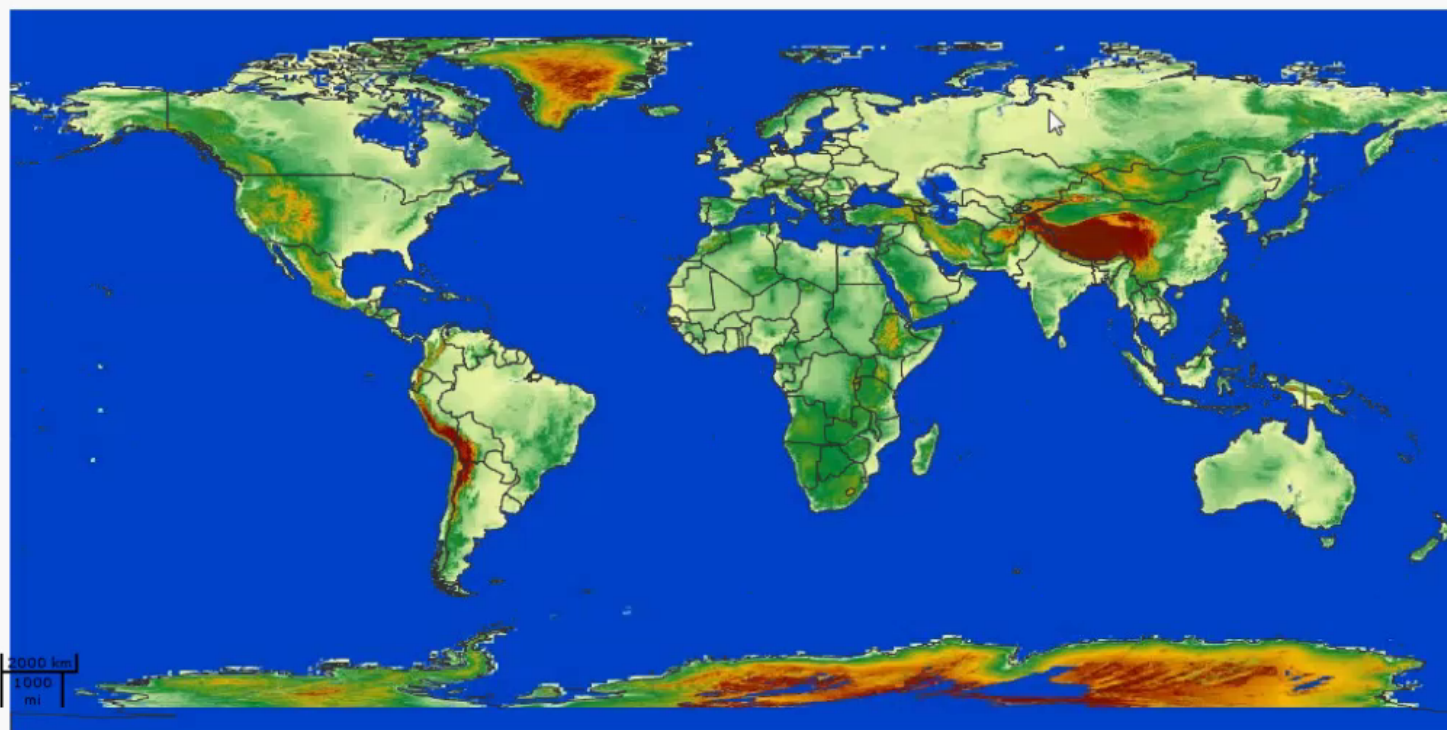


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## Global Data Explorer

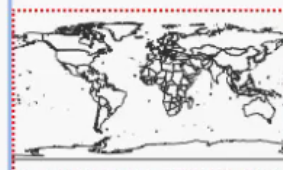
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### Map Layers

- Background Image
  - ASTER Global DEM
  - MODIS Land Cover
  - NASA Blue Marble
- Data Coverage
  - ASTER Global DEM V2
  - NGA SRTM 1 arcsec
  - NGA SRTM 3 arcsec
  - NASA SRTM 1 arcsec
  - NASA SRTM 3 arcsec
  - GTOPO30
  - MODIS Land Cover
  - Blue Marble
- World Boundaries
  - Country
  - State/Province
  - Land Region
- US Boundaries
  - State
  - County

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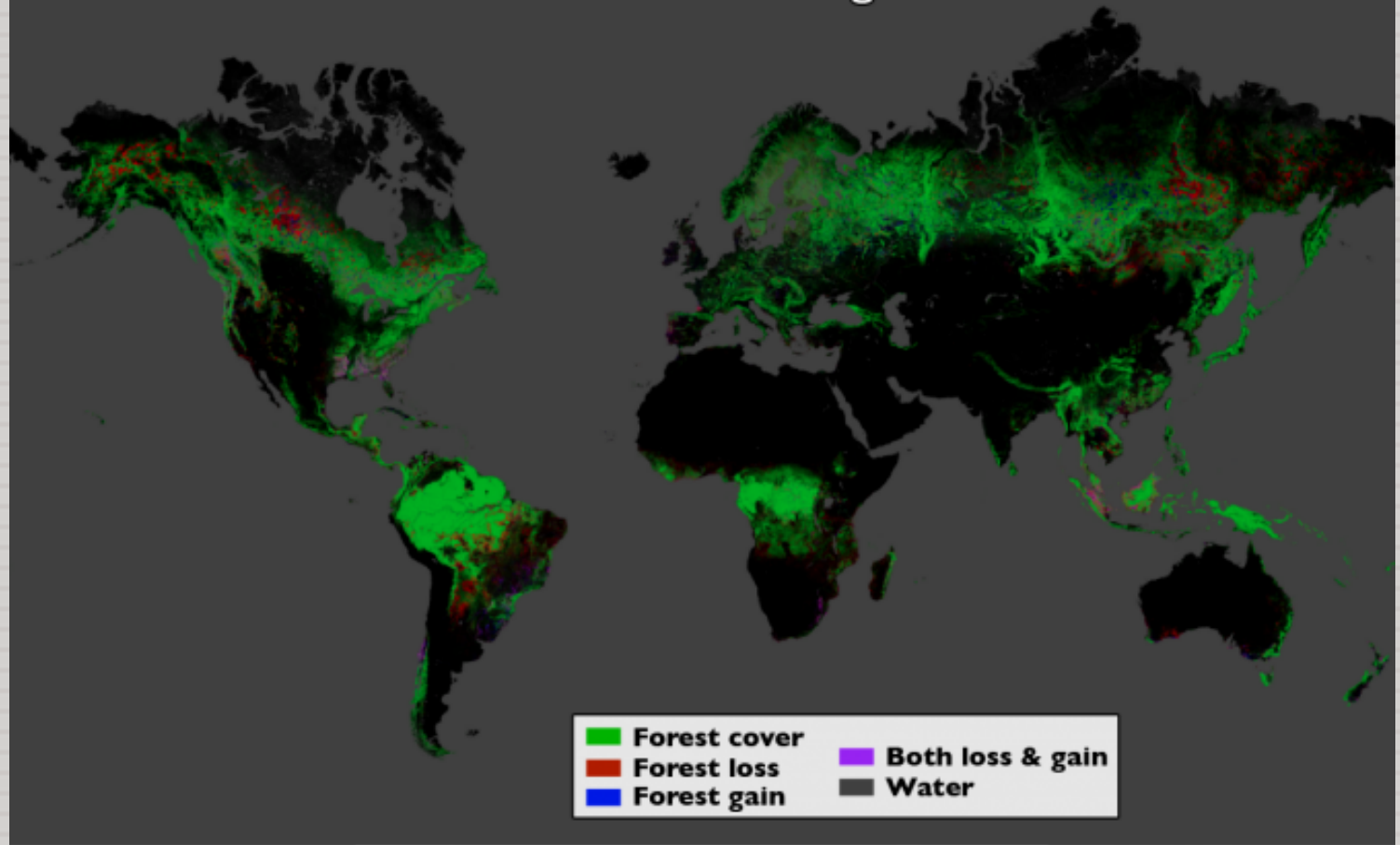




**Coming up next week!**

**Change Detection using Landsat  
and MODIS**

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